

Table 1. Births and birth rates, by age, race and Hispanic origin of mother: United States, final 1997 and preliminary 1998

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Age and race/Hispanic origin	1998		1997	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
All races				
Total ¹	3,944,046	65.6	3,880,894	65.0
10-14 years	9,481	1.0	10,121	1.1
15-19 years	484,975	51.1	483,220	52.3
15-17 years	173,252	30.4	180,154	32.1
18-19 years	311,724	82.0	303,066	83.6
20-24 years	965,414	111.2	942,048	110.4
25-29 years	1,083,894	116.0	1,069,436	113.8
30-34 years	890,336	87.5	886,798	85.3
35-39 years	425,194	37.4	409,710	36.1
40-44 years	80,982	7.3	76,084	7.1
45-54 years ²	3,769	0.4	3,477	0.4
White, total ³				
Total ¹	3,122,391	64.7	3,072,640	63.9
10-14 years	4,821	0.7	5,021	0.7
15-19 years	340,894	45.4	338,272	46.3
15-17 years	116,699	25.9	120,165	27.1
18-19 years	224,195	74.7	218,107	75.9
20-24 years	737,137	107.3	720,546	106.7
25-29 years	881,904	119.3	871,636	116.6
30-34 years	738,882	90.7	735,571	87.8
35-39 years	350,244	37.8	337,423	36.4
40-44 years	65,461	7.2	61,417	6.9
45-54 years ²	3,049	0.4	2,754	0.4
White, non-Hispanic				
Total ¹	2,364,907	57.8	2,333,363	57.0
10-14 years	2,145	0.4	2,240	0.4
15-19 years	219,292	35.2	219,857	36.0
15-17 years	68,657	18.4	71,868	19.4
18-19 years	150,635	60.6	147,989	61.9
20-24 years	511,466	90.8	500,928	89.8
25-29 years	679,390	109.9	674,498	107.2
30-34 years	604,936	88.1	603,304	85.2
35-39 years	291,669	36.4	280,393	34.9
40-44 years	53,494	6.7	49,908	6.4
45-54 years ²	2,516	0.4	2,235	0.3
Black, total ³				
Total ¹	610,203	71.0	599,913	70.7
10-14 years	4,291	2.9	4,712	3.3
15-19 years	126,865	85.3	128,539	88.2
15-17 years	50,062	56.8	53,634	60.8
18-19 years	76,803	126.8	74,905	130.1
20-24 years	189,110	141.9	182,600	139.0
25-29 years	139,472	101.9	135,529	99.5
30-34 years	93,908	64.8	94,123	64.3
35-39 years	46,694	30.5	45,069	29.7
40-44 years	9,515	6.7	8,981	6.5
45-54 years ²	349	0.3	360	0.3
American Indian, total ^{3,4}				
Total ¹	40,167	70.5	38,572	69.1
10-14 years	195	1.6	202	1.7
15-19 years	8,174	71.8	7,810	71.8
15-17 years	3,155	44.3	3,118	45.3
18-19 years	5,019	118.0	4,692	117.6
20-24 years	13,017	139.0	12,316	134.9
25-29 years	9,512	102.0	9,168	100.8
30-34 years	5,913	66.1	5,812	64.2
35-39 years	2,789	30.1	2,694	29.3
40-44 years	548	6.3	542	6.4
45-54 years ²	19	*	28	0.4

See footnotes at end of table.

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Asian or Pacific Islander, total ³				
Total ¹	171,284	63.5	169,769	66.3
10-14 years	174	0.4	186	0.5
15-19 years	9,043	23.1	8,599	23.7
15-17 years	3,336	13.7	3,237	14.3
18-19 years	5,707	38.2	5,362	39.3
20-24 years	26,150	68.3	26,586	70.5
25-29 years	53,007	109.4	53,103	113.2
30-34 years	51,634	104.1	51,292	110.3
35-39 years	25,467	52.4	24,524	54.1
40-44 years	5,457	11.9	5,144	11.9
45-54 years ²	352	0.9	335	0.9
Hispanic ⁵				
Total ¹	735,019	101.1	709,767	102.8
10-14 years	2,721	2.1	2,833	2.3
15-19 years	121,455	93.7	118,122	97.3
15-17 years	48,265	62.3	48,416	66.3
18-19 years	73,189	140.2	69,706	144.3
20-24 years	223,200	178.4	216,152	184.2
25-29 years	196,109	160.3	188,669	161.7
30-34 years	125,770	99.0	121,539	97.9
35-39 years	54,225	44.9	51,601	45.0
40-44 years	11,064	10.8	10,405	10.8
45-54 years ²	474	0.6	446	0.6

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision.

¹ The total number includes births to women of all ages, 10-54 years. The rate shown for all ages is the fertility rate, which is defined as the total number of births, regardless of age of mother, per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years.

² The number of births shown is the total for women aged 45-54 years. The birth rate is computed by relating the number of births to women aged 45-54 years to women aged 45-49 years, because most of the births in this group are to women aged 45-49.

³ Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately on the birth certificate. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are also included in the data for each race group, according to the mother's reported race; see Technical notes.

⁴ Includes births to Aleuts and Eskimos.

⁵ Includes all persons of Hispanic origin of any race; see Technical notes.

NOTE: Data are subject to sampling and/or random variation. For information on the relative standard errors of the data and further discussion, see Technical notes.